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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 155

Requesting the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission to study automatic aide for emergency responses across jurisdictional lines. Report.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 2008

Agreed to by the Senate, March 4, 2008

WHEREAS, political boundaries sometimes serve as barriers to the most effective response to emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, better coordination among localities of the Hampton Roads region may serve to provide a better emergency response; and

WHEREAS, such an improvement in regional emergency response will require an in-depth examination of the current procedures and resources of the localities of Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, other issues, including the possible need for enabling legislation, also need to be examined; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission be requested to study automatic aide for emergency responses across jurisdictional lines.

In conducting its study, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission shall review the emergency responses of the localities of the Hampton Roads region, including responses across jurisdictional lines. The commission shall take an in-depth look at what would be necessary to facilitate dispatchers' ability to see across jurisdictional lines and to know what responders may be available in neighboring localities. The Commission shall also examine any other issues relevant to accomplish the purposes of the study, including the need for any additional enabling legislation and shall issue all appropriate recommendations.

In conducting its study, the Commission shall include representatives from the fire departments, EMS or rescue departments and police departments of each locality in the region. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission for this study, upon request.

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission shall complete its meetings for the first year by November 30, 2008, and for the second year by November 30, 2009, and the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an executive summary and report of its findings and recommendations for publication as a House or Senate document for each year. The executive summaries and reports shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports no later than the first day of the next Regular Session of the General Assembly and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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